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INTERNAL REVIEW

Presentation of Issues

Internal Review Focus Group

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Debris - The primary issues identified with debris operations have been failure to follow prescribe safety procedures and inadequate QA inspections by Corps personnel. Examples are: •Inadequate traffic control for trucks entering debris sites. • Unsafe equipment: Improper tailgates and Inoperative tail lights • Failure to wear prescribed safety gear • Unsafe entrance and or exit towers • No entrance and or exit towers at debris sites • Subcontractors going on to private property to pick up ineligible debris • Contractor's not adequately supervising subcontractors • Contractor QCs not always at the debris site • CE QAs not always: manning entrance and or exit towers, present at load sites, and not always at entrance tower issuing load tickets • Inadequate Control of placards • Load tickets issued at Dump site • Insufficient QA staffing • Fee schedule for ACI contract was not negotiated prior to beginning work, and when it was negotiated they did not have a Government Estimate to use as a basis	Recommend – a. Maintain oversight of on-going operations b. Revise training materials and procedures to address identified weaknesses Lead – HQ Civil Works and Internal Review

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<u>Temporary Roofing</u> - The primary weakness is inadequate quality control on the part of the contractors and inadequate QA on the part of the Corps. • Contractors did not always provide adequate supervision and inspection of subcontractor work and CE QAs did not always properly inspect the work prior to signing ROEs for approval of work reported by contractors. As a result the amount of blue plastic billed by the contractor as installed was often overstated. ◘ At one location, re-measurements of blue plastic installed on 55 houses showed that the amount reported as installed was overstated on 51 of the 55 approved ROEs, resulting in questioned costs of about $84,000. ◘ Potential for over-billing is significant (32%); DCAA and IR are coordinating with project managers and contractors to re-measure blue plastic on a sample basis. Results will be used to negotiate adjustments to contractor billings. <u>Additional roofing issues identified include</u>: • Inadequate control over blue plastic issued to subcontractors • Alleged non-payment of wages by subcontractors • Inaccurate estimates of blue plastic required prior to installation • Work crews not wearing proper safety gear	Recommend – a. Maintain oversight of on-going operations b. Revise training materials and procedures to address identified weaknesses Lead – HQ Civil Works and Internal Review